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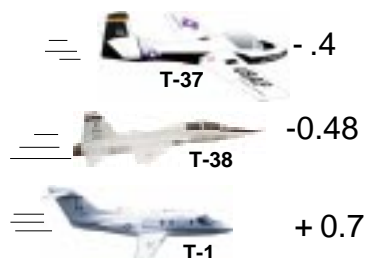
Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 00-10 graduates today. Photos of the graduates...

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## Mission status

(As of June 6)

Days ahead(+) or behind(-)



### Fiscal Year 2000 statistics

--Sorties flown: 45,219  
--Hours flown: 66,989.1  
--Pilot wings earned in FY 00: 209  
--Wings earned since 1963: 11,574

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# Congress considers GI Bill expansion

## Proposed new benefits would take effect Oct. 1

By Staff Sgt. A. J. Bosker  
Headquarters, U.S. Air Force

A current congressional proposal would expand the total Montgomery GI Bill benefits for servicemembers from the current 36-month total of \$19,296 to \$25,920, according to Jim Sweizer, chief of the Voluntary Education Branch, Directorate of Personnel Force Development, Headquarters Air Force.

The proposal, if voted into law, would increase the basic benefit for full-time students from \$536 per month to \$600 per month beginning Oct. 1, Sweizer said. By Oct. 1, 2001, the benefit would increase to \$720 per month. Additionally, part-time students would also see a proportional increase.

The intent of the Montgomery GI Bill is to help veterans continue their education, Sweizer explained. To achieve this, the proposal would also provide servicemembers who are still enrolled in the Veterans Educational Assistance Program another op-

portunity to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill, he said.

"Almost 19,000 Air Force members were denied conversion to the GI Bill in 1996 when they were first offered the option to convert," he said. "Most were denied because they had no money in their VEAP account. Under VEAP, once you made a \$25 contribution you could withdraw your investment and pay into the account at a later date. The government would then double any money, up to \$2,700, paid into the account. The way the law was written in 1996, those who had withdrawn their money were not permitted to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill."

Servicemembers who choose to convert from VEAP to the Montgomery GI Bill will need to pay \$2,700, Sweizer said.

In addition to continuing education, the new proposal would permit the GI Bill benefits to pay fees for civilian occupational licensing or certification tests.

(Courtesy Air Force News Service)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Airman 1st Class Allison Bull, 87th Flying Training Squadron, studies at the Book Mark library Tuesday. Bull is currently taking summer session college courses at the Park University extension on base.

# INFOCON: A response to 21st Century terrorism

By Frederick Ervin

47th Communications Squadron

The recent "Love Virus" that turned the world's computer community topsy-turvy is a prime example of second millennium terrorism and demonstrates how relatively easy it is to carry out malicious attacks on critical information targets using only semi-sophisticated skills and very inexpensive equipment.

It is quite apparent that a mechanism is needed to rapidly inform computer users of various levels of computer threats.

The apparatus to do this is an Information Operations Condition alert system. The INFOCON runs along the same principles as the Threat Condition system. As world computer events dictate, the condition changes to

higher degrees of vigilance. INFOCONs will provide the structure to filter serious incidents from non-serious ones and will standardize specific network protection measures throughout the Department of Defense. Once an INFOCON is announced, the information assurance office instructs the unit computer security managers and system administrators to go to their INFOCON checklist (which was recently provided) and prepare to implement protective measures – depending on what phase the

alert is in. The checklist assists them in their unit's role in each phase of an INFOCON alert.

Just as we have seen with THREATCONs, INFOCONs are divided into four alpha categories, plus the condition known as normal. Normal is daily computer use with virtually no restrictions (for example, full e-mail access and full use of the Internet to authorized sites). However, many information assurance professionals predict attacks will increase in frequency and devastation.

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# Commander

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## Turning disappointment into a learning experience by confronting a challenge

By Maj. Bruce Allen  
47th Medical Group

Throughout our lives, we confront circumstances that cause us to pause, reflect and evaluate who, what and where we are in our lives. One such circumstance arose in my life while assigned as commander of the 47th Medical Support Squadron for the 47th Medical Group.

Shortly after Labor Day in 1998, I received a call from the medical assignments branch asking if I would consider a squadron commander's position at Laughlin Air Force Base. I was told that my selection would depend upon the recommendation by the medical group commander and an acceptance by the wing commander – and I would have to report within the next 30-45 days. Despite the short notice, I jumped at the opportunity. Soon, I was informed that I was accepted and received my commander's approval to accept the position. I remember thinking that I was on my way – the years of hard work, long hours and sacrifice were paying off.

I enthusiastically arrived in Del Rio in October and dived headlong into the duties as both the squadron commander and the clinic administrator for the medical group. For the next five months, I worked tenaciously at learning my new job, hoping to make an already strong organization stronger. Within a year of assuming command, I would be meeting the lieutenant colonel promotion board and, as a squadron commander with a commendable record of service, I was confident I would receive a "Definite Promote" and be selected. Unfortunately, this was not to be. I received a "Promote." Although the promotion board would not meet for another month and its results would not be released until July (1999), I felt my chances for promotion were poor. After a few weeks, I remember saying to myself that if being promoted was not to be, then I had two choices: accept it and move forward or sulk in self-pity and become embittered.

I chose to accept the situation and make the best of it by continuing to work hard and fulfill my obligations

and responsibilities to the wing and my group while preparing for a new career in the civilian community. It was an easy decision.

Once the initial shock wore off, I began reflecting on my years in the Air Force and came to the realization that, although I wanted to continue serving the Air Force and my country, I had already been afforded opportunities few others have had. I realized that I was, in fact, an extremely fortunate – even blessed – individual. Regardless of the length of service, it was clear to me that the Air Force had provided me opportunities I would never have had else-

where. It allowed me to be part of an organization whose fundamental values I had always hoped I exemplified.

Fundamentally, the Air Force core values of Integrity, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do are mine. To be able, in however small of a way, to contribute to upholding these ideals and contribute to our country and our way of life is something that I deeply cherish.

I also realized how fortunate I was to have had the opportunity to work with some of the finest men and women in this country. I am continually amazed at the caliber of the individuals I meet. Their sacrifice and dedication is astounding. Whatever the need, whatever it takes, they are always there. They rise to meet the challenges and overcome whatever obstacles are placed before them. I realized just how lucky I was to have been counted among them.

I was also afforded the opportunity to travel to places I'd only imagined I might some day see, both within and outside of the United States. I had been given tremendous educational and training opportunities I know I could never have had if it weren't for the Air Force.

Once the promotion announcements were released in July, I was informed that I was not promoted. I was quite sure that my chances at the next promotion board competing "above the zone" would bring about my eventual separation from the Air Force. This was further brought home in November when I walked into my office to find on my desk a sealed envelope containing guidance on how I was to prepare my submission for "voluntary separation" from the Air Force.

Regardless, having accepted what I believed to be inevitable, I began updating my resume and contemplating what life would be like without the Air Force when I would separate in July 2000. But in looking forward, I ultimately found myself looking back at my service in the Air Force.

Once again, the Air Force provided me the opportunities to a bright future. The Air Force enabled me to acquire a graduate degree and awarded

me a fellowship; the Air Force provided me continuing education and training; and the Air Force provided me an unending number of challenging positions with ever-increasing responsibilities.

So what's the purpose in telling you this? It's this – none of us can anticipate what life brings to us. Life is fraught with wonderful joys and blessings, but also disappointments. Many things are beyond our control, but what we can do to face and overcome those events is within our control. Attitude isn't everything; but positive attitude, coupled with action, is. For me, life is fairly simple – it centers on a few basic truisms:

- Always remain strong in your faith. All obstacles, setbacks and losses are overcome if you believe in God (or whatever higher power you may personally accept).
- Believe that you possess the power to move your life

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## Looking to the ORI

(By Lt. Col. Barbara Stewart, 47 FTW inspector general)

### 75-day checklist

- Ensure everyone understands what THREATCONS are and how they are used.
- Discuss the various avenues for problem solving on base (chain of command, FWA hotline (4170), Actionline (5351), IG (5638), Safety (5679), EEO (5879) and MEO (5400).
- Do you know what DCG, CAT, MARE, WMD and NBCATSO stand for? (Disaster Control Group, Crisis Action Team, Major Accident Response Exercise, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Ability to Survive and Operate).

## Actionline

Call 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also

be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.



Winfield W. Scott III  
Col. Winfield W. Scott III  
47th Flying Training Wing commander



# SECDEF Forum gives families voice: lets family members speak up on issues

By Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

Despite all the top brass, the 100 military family members who came to the Pentagon for the first Defense Secretary's Military Family Forum definitely weren't shy. They didn't hesitate to tell it like it is.

Throughout the day-long forum May 31, the families spoke out on issues that affect their daily lives. Active duty and reserve component servicemembers and spouses alike said they need better housing, and they stressed that Department of Defense urgently needs to fix Tricare.

DoD policy makers encouraged the families to speak their minds. "We need to know from you what it is we can do better," Defense Secretary William S. Cohen said. "This is not a media event. This is an opportunity for you to tell us exactly what you think and find ways we can improve

our programs."

Servicemembers and family members throughout the audience eagerly raised their hands to ask the DoD officials about pay changes, exchange services, uniform store hours, commissary benefits and much more. If the DoD officials couldn't answer a question on the spot, they promised to follow up.

Randall A. Yim, deputy undersecretary of defense for installations, acknowledged housing is a major problem and gave an update on the situation. "Housing is not a benefit," he stressed. "Housing is an obligation. It's part of the deal when you signed up."

The services own and operate about 300,000 family quarters on base worldwide that accommodate about one-third of the military's families. The average age of on-

base housing is about 35 years and DoD calls two-thirds of it inadequate and in need of renovation or replacement. "Some places are black holes we put Band-Aids on," Yim said. He told the group he's relayed stories to members of Congress about military wives breaking into tears when they saw the condition of the quarters they'd been assigned in. "That vignette alone has made

us more money than any other story I could tell."

Improving housing is a top priority, Yim said. The department wants to have a strong military construction program and to partner with the private sector to leverage its housing dollars and provide housing quicker. About two-thirds of the military's families live off-base and receive basic allowance for housing. Members' out-of-pocket expense for off-base housing is about 19 percent. DoD intends to reduce this to zero by 2005, Yim said.

When Tricare took center stage, Mary Gerwin, assistant defense secretary for health affairs, said she'd been asked earlier that morning if she was going to attend wearing a bulletproof vest. "DoD is doing everything it can to make Tricare a more consumer-friendly system," she said.

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## Extra insurance may affect certain aspects of member's Tricare

Many family members and retirees have other health insurance in addition to Tricare. A common example is the civilian spouse of an active duty servicemember or a retiree having health insurance through his or her employer. Another common form of other health insurance is Medicare and Medicaid. If you or a family member has other health insurance, you should know how that affects your Tricare coverage.

If you have other health insurance, it is considered your primary plan. Federal law requires that Tricare only pay for your health care after the other health insurance is used. The only exception to this rule is Medicaid. Thus, your health care provider must submit claims to your primary health care plan first. Any portion of the claim not paid by the primary plan may be submitted to Tricare. You cannot choose to use Tricare instead of your other health insurance if the services are covered by the other health insurance.

Other health insurance does not include supplemental policies, health benefit plans especially designed to supple-

ment Tricare Standard benefits. Supplemental policies generally pay most or all remaining costs after Tricare Standard has paid its share of the cost of covered health care services and supplies.

If your primary insurance is a Health Maintenance Organization, the financial consequences of receiving care outside your HMO's plan may be serious. HMOs generally limit their coverage to a network of providers and will only pay for care received from a network provider. If you choose to see a provider outside your HMO's network about a problem covered by your HMO's plan, Tricare cannot cover your charges and the provider can bill you for the entire amount. However, if you see a provider from outside your HMO's network about a problem that is not covered by the HMO's plan but is covered by Tricare, Tricare will reimburse you for the covered care up to the Tricare limits.

For instance, you may want to see a family counselor. However, you don't want to see a counselor available within your HMO's network; you'd rather see a psychiatrist avail-

able through Tricare. If the services provided by the psychiatrist are covered by your HMO's plan, Tricare cannot cover the psychiatrist's claim because you went to a provider outside your HMO's plan. However, if the psychiatrist's services are not covered by the HMO, but are covered by Tricare, Tricare will pay for the services up to the Tricare limits. Remember that if your other health care coverage is an HMO, be sure that the providers you use are available through both your HMO and Tricare.

Remember to indicate on your Tricare Prime enrollment application if you or a family member has other health insurance. Also make certain that you report any changes in your other health insurance to Foundation Health Federal Services. Examples of such changes include if you discontinue the other health insurance coverage or change your insurance carrier.

If you have any questions regarding other health insurance and Tricare, please visit your local Tricare Service Center, or call 1-800-406-2832 (Option #3).

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– 47 FTW motto

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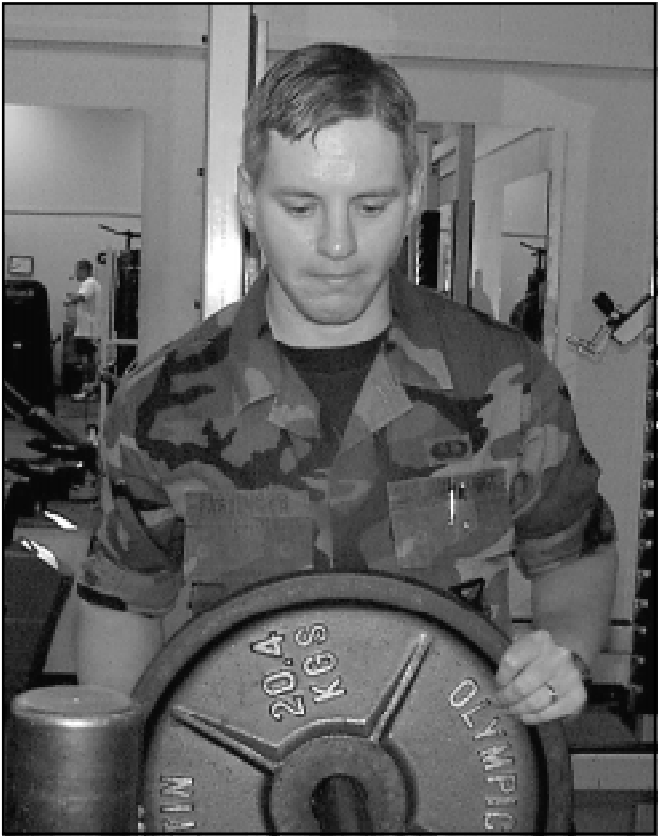
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# The XLer

**Hometown:** Oak Harbor, Ohio.  
**Family:** Wife, Sianna; son, Brendyn, 2 years old.  
**Time at Laughlin:** 11 months.  
**Time in service:** 10 years, 6 months.  
**Why did you join the Air Force family?** To travel and get out of trouble.  
**Name one way to improve life at Laughlin:** To improve every aspect of all intramural programs, increasing participation and individual enjoyment.  
**Long-term goals:** To retire as a master sergeant or above.  
**Greatest accomplishment:** My son Brendyn.  
**Bad Habit:** I curse too much.  
**Hobbies:** Fishing with my son, shooting trap and skeet, sight seeing, hunting and anything outdoors.  
**If you could spend one hour with any person in history, who would it be and why?** Woody Hayes. He was a great leader and knew how to get the most out of his people. He was far more than just the greatest college football coach!



**Staff Sgt. John Fastinger**  
XL Fitness Center

## Where are they now?

**Name:** Lt. Col. Allan F. Cobb.  
**Class/date of graduation from Laughlin:** June 1984; Class 84-06.  
**Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at:** U-2S, Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

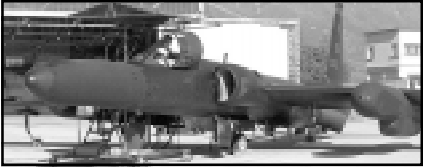
**Mission of your current aircraft?**

High-altitude reconnaissance.

**What do you like most about your current aircraft?** It's an extremely difficult aircraft to fly and operate plus you're doing a real-world mission (on your own) on a regular basis.

**What do you dislike most about your current aircraft?** The crudeness of some of the basic aircraft systems and the cramped

cockpit.  
**What was the most important thing you learned from your time at Laughlin, besides learning how to fly?** I learned that within me was the capability of successfully taking on a long and difficult challenge.



**What is your most memorable experience from**

**Laughlin?** Signing the Form 8 after my last T-38 check ride; what a great feeling!  
**What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin?** Stick with it! No matter how much you are challenged, take it one day at a time. Remember, have fun and enjoy yourself while you are still a student!

# Air Force promotes record number of technical, master sergeants

Laughlin will soon have 30 new technical and master sergeants.

The Air Force released the E-6 and E-7 promotion lists Thursday, and Laughlin will promote 11 new master sergeants and 19 new technical sergeants.

The Air Force selected 7,536 of 19,269 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant and 11,449 of 41,414 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant. This represents an overall 39.1 percent selection rate for the 00E7 cycle and 27.6 percent selection rate for the 00E6 cycle, for an all-time record setting percentage on both counts.

The complete list of selectees becomes available on the Air Force Personnel Center’s Web site today, by 5 p.m., Central Standard Time.

“Year 2000 promotions promise more of the same good news we had in 1999,” said officials at the Air Force Personnel Center. “Vacancies within each grade drive those promotions and as long as the vacancies exist, we will continue promoting our best qualified to the next higher rank.”

As evidenced by the higher rates, tremendous opportunity for advancement exists in today’s Air Force for those willing to put forth that extra effort on the job and prepare for promotion tests. Greater upward mobility for the enlisted force is being seen in the senior NCO ranks, including senior master sergeant and chief master sergeant.

“The increased promotion rates of the last few years are partly a result of the return to stable force structure and end-strength levels following years of drawdown,” added AFPC officials. “The primary reason for increased promotion rates is our transition to a higher percentage of ‘top five’ NCOs, previously at 48.5 percent of the enlisted force, now at 52 percent and headed to 56 percent. Con-

tinued retention challenges in the midst of a booming economy and thriving civilian job market are also playing key roles in the greater number of vacancies.”

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices in mid-June, allowing them to see just how they stacked up against their counterparts. These score notices allow members to know how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they’re directly competing against for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code.

The average selectee score for the master sergeant test cycle was 342.23 points based on the following:

- 134.17 Enlisted Performance Reports
- 69.95 Promotion Fitness Exam
- 66.19 Specialty Knowledge Test
- 31.91 Time in Grade
- 35.74 Time in Service
- 11.58 Decorations

The average selectee has 4.16 years time in grade and 16.87 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to master sergeant from August to July 2001.

The average selectee score for the technical sergeant test cycle was 334.60 points based on the following:

- 132.77 Enlisted Performance Reports
- 66.55 Promotion Fitness Exam
- 58.93 Specialty Knowledge Test
- 44.09 Time in Grade
- 30.24 Time in Service
- 7.66 Decorations

The average selectee has 6.42 years time in grade and 13.93 years in service. Those selected will also be promoted to technical sergeant from August to July 2001.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

## Laughlin’s new technical, master sergeant promotees

### To master sergeant:

- Chris Clauser, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron.
- Billy E. Mathis, Jr., 47 CES.
- Mario Curiel, 47th Contracting Squadron.
- David A. Morrison, 47th Medical Support Squadron.
- Verna J. Weinand, 47 MDSS.
- Morris Coleman, 47th Mission Support Squadron.
- David Fisher, 47 MSS.
- David R. Doan, 47 MSS.
- Kim E. Tate, 47th Operations Support Squadron.
- David C. Baldwin, 47th Security Forces Squadron.
- William D. Mayo, Jr., 47th Support Group.

### To technical sergeant:

- Christopher Ostrom, 47 CES.
- Robert D. Van, 47th Comptroller Squadron.
- Wesley E. Morris, 47th Flying Training Wing.
- Reginal Woodruff, 47 FTW.
- Malynda K. Emerson, 47th Medical Support Squadron.
- Tina Marie Thieken, 47 MDSS.
- Keith J. Baber, 47 MSS.
- David L. Hirtreiter, 47 MSS.
- Joseph L. Turner, 47 MSS.
- Anthony D. Williams, 47 MSS.
- Kevin E. Copeland, 47 OSS.
- Thomas E. Hensley, 47 OSS.
- Shane Macphearson, 47 OSS.
- Arturo Saulsberry, 47 OSS.
- Keith A. Hellwig, 47 Security Forces Squadron.
- Eric M. Linneman, 47 SFS.
- Jonathan S. Wallace, 47 SFS.
- Richard A. Horn, 47th Support Group.
- James W. Revell, Jr., 87th Flying Training Squadron.

# Laughlin promotes 53 in the month of June

### To Lt. Col.:

- John I. Dunham, Jr., 87th Flying Training Squadron

### To Maj.:

- Jon A. Fornal, 84th Flying Training Squadron
- Christopher McCallan, 84 FTS

### To Capt.:

- Scott G. Carroll, 86th Flying Training Squadron
- Brian C. Lewis, 86 FTS
- Stephen R. Walmsley, 47th Operations Support Squadron

### To 1st Lt.:

- Bernie L. Allemeir, 86 FTS
- Jennifer S. Behymer, 86 FTS
- Bryon J. Calhoun, 87 FTS
- David R. Chauvin, 86 FTS
- Cory R. Christoffer, 87 FTS
- Luther T. Cross, 87 FTS
- Allan D. Chunn, 86 FTS
- Scott E. Collins, 86 FTS
- Jamie M. Connoyer, 86 FTS
- John F Delahanty, 86 FTS
- Joel E. Eppley, 86 FTS
- Katrina Gieselman, 86 FTS
- Kyle H. Goldstein, 87 FTS
- Alan J. Hietpas, 87 FTS
- Scott Higginbotham, 87 FTS
- Vanessa M. Hillman, 47 OSS
- Justin W. Hubble, 47 OSS
- Charles P. Hudson, 86 FTS
- William E. Irvin, 87 FTS
- Christopher Jewett, 86 FTS
- Dara O. Marcy, 86 FTS
- Braden W. Mims, 86 FTS

### Effective date:

June 1

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June 18

June 7

June 29

June 11

### To 1st Lt.:

- Jerry D. Mish, 86 FTS
- Eric A. Nyman, 87 FTS
- Oliver I. Rick, 87 FTS
- Karl F. Schluter, 87 FTS
- John D. Schwartz, 86 FTS
- Ralph R. Shoukry, 86 FTS
- William H. Smith, 87 FTS
- Aaron C. Stuck, 86 FTS
- Joseph M. Vanoni, 86 FTS
- Benjamin J. Ward, 86 FTS
- Eric J. Westby, 86 FTS

### To Master Sgt:

- S.A. Martgan, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

### To Tech Sgt:

- Charles J. Ferro, 47th Contracting Squadron
- James T. Streepy, 47 OSS

### To Staff Sgt:

- Anthony S. Burleson, 47th Security Forces Squadron
- Kasey A. Gibbs, 47th Medical Support Squadron

### To Senior Airman:

- Shanda L. Eaton, 47th Comptroller Flight
- Patrick C. Novak, 47 CONS
- Lasandra K. Stout, 47 SFS
- Michael R. Vaughn, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron
- Justin R. Werlinger, 47 OSS

### To Airman 1st Class:

- Tara E. Buckley, 47 CES
- Eric A. Gonzales, 47 CES
- Latoya G. Johnson, 47 OSS

### To Airman:

- Stephanie L. Ryan, 47 OSS

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Photo by Jim Teet

## First T-37 ride!

ROTC cadet Erika Tillman from Baylor University fastens her flight helmet in preparation for an orientation flight here June 2. She was among 96 ROTC students who flew that day as part of their two week field training encampment.

# Board to select pilots, navigators Oct. 24

The next Undergraduate Flying Training Selection Board will convene at the Air Force Personnel Center Oct. 24. This selection board will review applications for both pilot and navigator training.

Those officers born after April 1, 1971 with a total active federal commissioned service date after April 1, 1996 who meet all eligibility criteria outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2205 and Interim Change 99-1, will be eligible to apply for UFT.

Applicants must send applications postmarked no later than Sept. 8 to the following address: **HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West, Suite 31, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4733.**

The selection board will not consider UFT applications with incomplete or no physical exams or those postmarked after Sept.

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8. Applicants should advise commanders/supervisors providing Air Force Form 215 comments of the application deadline, said AFPC officials.

“It is the member’s responsibility to ensure the Air Force officer selection record containing all officer performance reports, training reports, awards and decorations is current and up-to-date prior to this selection board,” added officials.

Initial Flying Class 1/1A physicals are valid for three years from date of exam. “For those applicants who require new physicals,” said officials, “we recommend the appropriate physical examination be scheduled immediately and be included with the application. Late or incomplete physical submissions will not be considered.”

All applicants who will compete for pilot training must also complete the Basic Attributes Test by Sept. 8. The customer support section at the military personnel flight has information regarding BAT testing.

Interested members must mail completed applications to AFPC no later than Sept. 8.

For more information on application procedures, contact the base formal training element at the MPF, 298-5409.

**(Courtesy AFPC News Service)**

## Fraud, Waste and Abuse

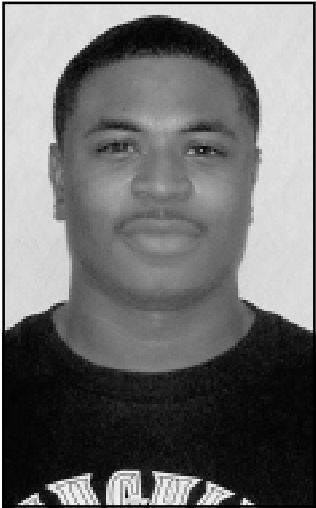
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job!

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suspect FWA,  
call the FWA  
hotline, Ext.  
4170 or call the  
Inspector  
General's office,  
Ext. 5638.

Question of the week  
In your mind, what does the  
American flag stand for?



“It is the embodiment of an ideal that people are willing to die for.”  
**Lt. Col. Martin Kelly**  
*47th Flying Training Wing*



“It stands for a great tradition and honor that was established by our predecessors for us to follow.”  
**Staff Sgt. Ennis Fowler**  
*Base Fire Department*



“Freedom. I live in a free country and that is what that flag stands for.”  
**Frank Valdez**  
*47th Communications Squadron*



“Freedom and democracy which allows us to work where we want to work, send our children to good schools, get an education and practice the religion of our choice.”  
**Betty Glenn**  
*Family member*



From the Blotter  
(From May 22-27)



- A civilian reported a co-worker had taken a food item valued at \$18.35 from the Chaparral Dining Hall. The individual consented to a search and the item was located in the vehicle. The individual was turned over to the Val Verde County Sheriff’s office.
- Corpus Christi authorities arrested two military members for alcohol related incidents.
- A military member telephoned reporting unknown persons had stolen the snack bar money box. The box was discovered missing May 26 at approximately 6:30 a.m. The estimated money in the box is \$20.
- A military member telephoned reporting unknown persons had stolen the snack bar

- money box. The second box was found missing May 26 at approximately 6:30 a.m. The estimated money in the box is \$30.
- Unannounced alarm activation through the Sonics Alarm panel was received from the base commissary. It was found to be a child who had pushed the alarm.
  - A civilian reported his vehicle damaged. The damage consisted of a small scratch on the rear driver’s side door.
- Tip of the week:** *Individuals being sponsored on the base are required to have the following credentials with them: A valid driver’s license, minimum insurance proof and a current certificate of registration. Visitors will be delayed without these items.*

### ‘INFOCON’ from page 1

The following is a description of the four levels of INFOCON: ■ INFOCON ALPHA – a heightened threat of a possible information system attack related to: regional events occurring that affect U.S. interests ongoing or planned military operations/contingencies increased information system probes, scans, or other activities detected – indicating a pattern of surveillance.

■ INFOCON BRAVO – Indications and warnings indicate: the targeting of a specific system, location, unit or operation of a major military operation or contingency is planned or ongoing a significant level of network probes, scans or activities has been detected indicating a pattern of concentrated reconnaissance.

Attempted or successful network penetrations or denial of service attempts are other actions that could lead to the implementation of INFOCON BRAVO.

■ INFOCON CHARLIE – intelligence assessments and reports indicate a limited attack has occurred. Information system attack was detected with limited impact to DoD operations. Attack resulted in minimal success and was successfully counteracted with little or no

data loss or systems compromised. Information system is still mission-capable. (Note – any collection effort targeted against classified systems warrants the implementation of INFOCON CHARLIE).

■ INFOCON DELTA – A successful information system attack, impacting DoD operations, is detected and in progress. The attack is widespread, undermines the ability of the targeted systems to function effectively and poses a significant risk of mission failure. Primary efforts must be focused on recovery and reconstitution of damaged mission-critical systems and files.

The “Love Virus” attack could be considered a prime example of an INFOCON DELTA situation. Many of us have observed how THREATCONs affect our lives. INFOCONS are going to be the way of life in the Air Force future, particularly when stationed outside the continental United States.

Almost every expert queried within the last few years feels that the next war may not be fought on a physical battlefield, but instead be fought on computer terminals - a war causing such devastating chaos that a

government and way of life could collapse!

In conclusion, because we will probably see increased acts of computer terrorism in the near future, Laughlin will see a widespread use of the INFOCON warning system. Remember – when the “Love Virus” arrived at the computer terminals of some

### ‘Challenge’ from page 2

along a positive path.

■ Try to the best of your ability to reach beyond your seemingly limited capabilities.

■ Remember that success most often is the result of hard work, discipline and perseverance.

■ Make a personal commitment to be the best you can be. I live by a very simple creed - “What you are is God’s gift to you; what you make of yourself is your gift to God.”

■ Take advantage of every opportunity that’s offered.

All of these things are pos-

### ‘Forum’ from page 3

Military people tend to rate the quality of the care they receive as high, she said, but access is a problem. There are long lines and

users at Laughlin, nobody opened/executed the virus. By reacting that way in the future, we have an opportunity to literally help with our national security.

(In next week’s issue of the Border Eagle, watch for more tips on how to safeguard against such chaos by following computer security principles).

sible through the Air Force. All that is asked of you is that you make a personal commitment to excel, persevere and work hard.

If you commit to this, I can assure you from personal experience that you will reach further than you ever dreamed possible and you will have a rich and rewarding life.

*(Postscript: March 7, I was notified that I had been selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel and would be provided the opportunity to continue serving my country).*

waits to get appointments.

DoD is working with hospitals and clinics to make sure there are enough appointments available, to lengthen clinic hours, and to en-

sure doctors have enough support staff so they can see three or four patients at a time. “I’ve heard comments that doctors, nurses and other health professionals don’t want to do business with Tricare because they think it’s too much of a hassle,” Gerwin said. DoD is trying to fix the claims system by simplifying forms and making payments faster. DoD also is working to eliminate the co-pay required by civilian providers and to expand the program to retirees.

When the floor opened for questions, an Air Force wife related her family’s ongoing Tricare nightmare. She said her 20-month-old son had two open heart surgeries in the last year and the family had bills totaling \$50,000.

“My heart surgeon hasn’t been paid in over a year,” she said. She reported that claims have been repeatedly denied because of glitches on the forms and a variety of other reasons. Tricare officials she called had been rude and unhelpful. “These initiatives are too late,” she told Gerwin. “Too many people have been damaged.”

Later that evening, at a dinner hosted by the Cohens, the woman said several DoD health affairs representatives had promised to work on her case. “I want to stress that my son is getting the best of care, and it’s supposed to be paid for through Tricare. We’re very lucky to come here,” she added. “I just feel bad because I know there are other people in my boat who can’t get such personalized attention.” Her husband emphasized that their struggle was that no one, including base officials, knew who to go to for help.

An Air Force wife asked if the commissary could offer more generic brands. Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter Jr., Defense Commissary Agency director, told her his agency is instituting a Best Values Program, where national brands must beat the price of private brands. Within the next month, he said, commissaries will identify which national brands beat all the competitors.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Berryhill of Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., and Kelli Kirwan, of Camp Pendleton, Calif., summed up the program.

“All we have seen today is the sincere opportunity to bring forth all issues, from all services, that will make quality of life for all DoD employees better.”



# Parents breathe life back into dying daughter by donating lung tissue

By Staff Sgt.  
Alexandra Mace

*1st Fighter Wing Public Affairs*  
Two and half months ago, Lori Evans could barely breathe. Today, she is breathing a little easier because her parents gave her one of the most ultimate gifts of love – a part of themselves. Sheryl Evans, a 1st Transportation Squadron traffic management office counselor, and her husband David, Norfolk Armed Forces Staff College computer specialist, participated in a rare transplant, giving their daughter a lobe of their lungs. They recently returned from Duke medical center in Durham,

N.C., where they participated in a Living Lobar operation. Lori, who is 19 years old, has Cystic Fibrosis, a disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. In October, her condition became worse and she was placed on the national lung transplant register. Doctors told the family they would have to wait for about 18 to 24 months for lungs, Sheryl said. But, Lori’s lungs became so diseased, doctors said she wouldn’t make it another six months. Her parents decided waiting for a cadaver donor was too risky. “When the doctors dis-

cussed the option that we give one of our lobes, we didn’t think twice about doing it,” Sheryl said. Sheryl and David were tested and evaluated to determine if their lungs would be compatible inside Lori – they were. Tests also included those on ethical considerations, Sheryl said. Only about 100 Living Lobar operations have been performed world-wide, said Dr. Duane Davis, Duke cardiothoracic surgery chief, who performed the surgery on Lori. Because this procedure is still new, Sheryl said there are

many ethical questions about the procedure – one being that it could endanger three lives. “Doctors wanted us to make sure we were comfortable doing this,” Sheryl said. “But, when you’re told your daughter doesn’t have much longer to live, you just do what you have to.” They prayed and remained optimistic about the surgery which was set for Feb. 18, she said. This surgery required coordination between three surgical teams. One team removed a lobe from David’s right lung, while another team removed a lobe from Sheryl’s left lung. At the same time, Lori was undergoing surgery to receive them, her father said. The lobes were taken to Lori’s operating room where a third team of surgeons removed her diseased lungs and implanted her parent’s lobes that became her permanent lungs, he said. The two lobes Lori received don’t fill her chest cavity because they aren’t a full set of lungs, but they’ll spread, Sheryl said. According to Davis, a person can gain up to 70 percent of normal lung capacity within a year after this surgery. After the surgery, the family remained at Duke for Lori’s rehabilitation. Sheryl and David had to rehabilitate, too. They

both lost about 15 percent of their lung capacity from the operation, Davis said. He said most people don’t experience any appreciable difference in respiratory function, but they will never be able to run a marathon. Sheryl said she’s finally getting used to breathing normally, and the whole family intends to start a workout program to increase their lung capacity. “I just enjoy watching Lori breathe easier now, and watching her catch up on all the things she’s missed,” Sheryl said. “I can’t re-

**“Doctors wanted us to make sure we were comfortable doing this. But, when you’re told your daughter doesn’t have much longer to live, you just do what you have to.”**  
–Sheryl Evans  
*Mother and donor*

member seeing her breathe this good.” Lori agreed with her mother. “I can take full breaths now. I’ve been short of breath for a long time,” she said. “I feel free – I don’t have any tubes in me. I’ve had medical complications and foreign tubes in my body for so long. And now, I don’t need them. I can’t thank my parents enough for saving my life.” The family said they are glad to be back to their normal lives. Lori will be attending Tidewater Community College in the fall and has a fiancé. Sheryl went back to work May 22. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

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# Moving on!

## ***Class 00-10 gets silver wings, graduates in 10 a.m. ceremony today***

Student Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 00-10 graduates at 10 a.m. today in a ceremony in the Operations Training Complex.

The 52-week SUPT program prepares student pilots for the entire spectrum of Air Force aircraft and flying missions.

Training begins with three weeks of physiological and academic training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine subsonic T-37 Tweet. In the T-37, students learn flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing, aerobatics and formation flying.

Primary training consists of 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, the future pilots are selected for advanced in-flight training in a specialized area or track. The tracks include tanker, bomber and cargo pilot training in the T-1 aircraft, fighter pilot training in the T-38, turbo-propeller aircraft training in the Navy's T-44 and helicopter training in the Army's UH-1.

Advanced training takes about

26 weeks and involves 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

Graduates of Class 00-10 have been assigned to aircraft at duty stations throughout the world.



**1st Lt. Shane Jensen**  
Class leader  
T-38 – Laughlin AFB, Texas



**1st Lt. Allan Chunn**  
Assistant class leader  
KC-135 – Fairchild AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Bernie Allemeier**  
C-21 – Peterson AFB, Colo.



**1st Lt. Jennifer Behymer**  
KC-135 – Grand Forks AFB, N.D.



**2nd Lt. Jonathan Carlson**  
C-5 – Westover ARB, Mass.



**2nd Lt. Brian Daigle**  
A-10 – Boise, Idaho (ANG)



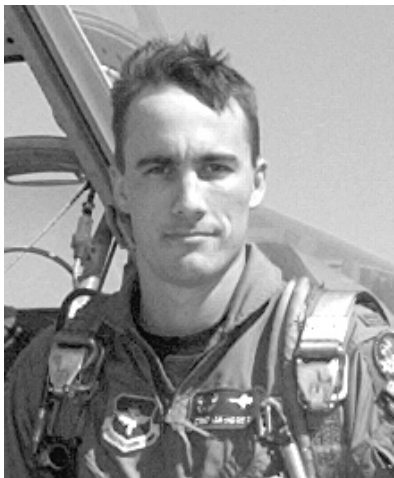
**2nd Lt. John Delahanty**  
C-5 – Dover AFB, Del.



**2nd Lt. Richard Geilhausen**  
*C-21 – Offutt AFB, Neb.*



**2nd Lt. Katrina Gieselmann**  
*KC-10 – Travis AFB, Calif.*



**2nd Lt. Eric Jauquet**  
*F-16 – Tulsa, Okla. (ANG)*



**2nd Lt. Scott Jones**  
*T-37 – Laughlin AFB, Texas*



**2nd Lt. Robert Latka**  
*KC-10 – McGuire AFB, N.J. (AFRC)*



**2nd Lt. Andrew Malousek**  
*KC-135 – Lincoln, Neb. (ANG)*



**2nd Lt. Jerry Mish**  
*T-1 – Laughlin AFB, Texas*



**2nd Lt. Corey Otis**  
*F-15 – Tyndall AFB, Fla.*



**2nd Lt. Karl Schluter**  
*F-16 – Luke AFB, Ariz.*



**2nd Lt. Joseph Vanoni**  
*C-17 – Charleston AFB, S.C.*





## Pilot graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 00-10 graduates today in a 10 a.m. ceremony in the Operations Training Complex auditorium. The guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Scott Van Cleef, assistant deputy undersecretary of the Air Force for international affairs at the Pentagon.

## Juneteenth Celebration

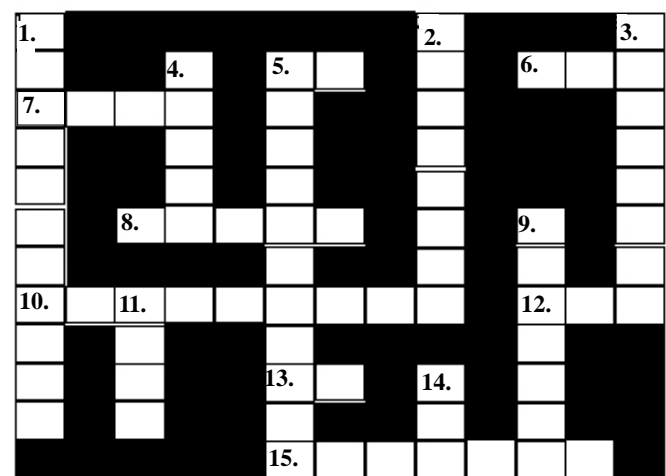
The Juneteenth Celebration Committee hosts a city-wide celebration June 17. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration marking the ending of slavery. The theme for this year’s event will be “A Celebration of Freedom and Diversity.” The day will begin with a parade that will begin at 10 a.m. at the corner of Academy and Main St., proceed to the Railroad Station, turn right and proceed down Ogden St. to Moore Park where the festivities will take place. Free Bar-B-Que, booths, speakers and music are scheduled for the event. Everyone is invited to attend. A dance will be held on the parking lot of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Losoya St. in Del Rio. Speakers for the event will include Del Rio Mayor Dora G. Alcalá, Col. Herbert L. Foret, Jr, 47th Flying Training Wing vice commander and others. For more information, call Joni Jordan at 5914.

## HCAC meeting

The Health Consumers Advisory Council is a forum for exchanging information between the providers and consumers of health care here. Representatives from most base organizations and from the retired population meet with members of the Clinic Executive Committee

## IG crossword puzzle

(Answers next week)



### ACROSS

5. Information Assurance (abbr).  
6. Unit Control Center (abbr).  
7. Major Accident Response Exercise (abbr).  
8. The Alternate IG is Lt. Col. H.F. \_\_\_\_\_.  
10. AF SII 00-2, Information \_\_\_\_\_.  
12. Special Interest Item (abbr).  
13. Inspector General (abbr).  
15. Nuclear, Biologic, Chemical Ability To Survive and Operate (abbr).

### DOWN

1. A \_\_\_\_ item is a highly effective concept, technique or practice better than those found in other units.  
2. A Best \_\_\_\_ is a superior method or innovative practice that contributes to improved performance of a process.  
3. The \_\_\_\_ (298-5351) is a direct line to the Wing CC and your opportunity to make Laughlin a better place.  
4. Lt. Col. Marty \_\_\_\_ is the XP and responsible for exercises.  
9. The Wing Safety Officer is Lt. Col. Bruce “Juice” \_\_\_\_\_.  
11. \_\_\_\_ Inspection Checklists are available on the web.  
14. The \_\_\_\_ hotline (298-4170) is available 24 hours a day to report instances of fraud, waste and abuse.



## Hand it over!

Staff Sgt. Sheri Sonier-Robinson, 47th Mission Support Squadron, inspects the dog tags and shot records of Staff Sgt. Kevin Copeland, 47th Operations Support Squadron, during deployment exercise Scarlet Hawk 00-07 here Tuesday. Members practiced going through a deployment line at Club Amistad.

once a quarter on an informal basis.

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 1 p.m. July 7 in the wing conference room. Don’t miss the opportunity to express your satisfaction with, or concerns about base health care. For more information, call Mina Stover at 6311.

## Air War College

Recruiting for the Air War College Nonresident Studies Seminar is now underway. Seminars are scheduled to start in early August and will run until June 2001. The program is open to active duty, guard and reserve colonels, lieutenant colonels and lieutenant colonel selectees (or their equivalents) of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces and civilian employees (GS-GM-13 or above. For enrollment information, call 4726.

## Tobacco cessation

The Health and Wellness Center offers tobacco cessation classes Tuesday. The one-hour classes are held at 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the HAWC conference room. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Ray Fernandez at 6463 or 6464.

## Air Command and Staff College seminar

Recruitment is now underway at the base Education Office for majors and major selectees, GS-11 and above to form the next Laughlin ACSC seminar. Effective June 26, all students will enroll in Course 00030 Non-Residence, whether through seminar or correspondence. Seminars meet for approximately 10 months, three hours weekly, from August through June 2001. For more information, or to sign up, call Eddie Adams at 4726 or the education office at 5545.

## Car wash

The Company Grade Officers Council hosts a car wash Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m at the base exchange parking lot. Proceeds from the car wash will be split between the CGOC fund and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. For more information, call 1st Lt. Christopher Blanchette at 4917.

## Rodeo team seeks interest

Members of the Ride for the Brand Rodeo Team seek those interested in being contestants or volunteers in an upcoming rodeo. The rodeo, sanctioned through the Professional Armed Forces Rodeo Association, is scheduled for Labor Day weekend at the Val Verde County fairgrounds. For more information, call Al Hyatt at 298-0051 or David Darling at 298-0758.

Safety Stats			
Subject:	FY 00	FY 99	FY 98
On Duty	2	5	11
Off Duty	3	12	7
Traffic	0	2	4
Spts & Rec	2	6	3
Fatalities	0	0	2
(Current as of June 6, 2000)			

**Laughlin new arrivals**

- **Jaelan Zaion Greenidge:** 7., 1 oz. boy born May 14 to Senior Airman Kasimu O. Greenidge, 47th Communications Squadron and his wife Megan.